

**COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 261.110, the Iowa College Student Aid Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to adopt new Chapter 28, “Teach Iowa Scholar Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Proposed Chapter 28 describes the administration of a new Teach Iowa Scholar Program pursuant to Iowa Code section 261.110.

Interested persons may submit comments orally or in writing by 4:30 p.m. on May 9, 2014, to the Executive Director, Iowa College Student Aid Commission, 430 East Grand Avenue, Third Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-1920; fax (515)725-3401.

The Commission does not intend to grant waivers under the provisions of these rules.

After analysis and review of this rule making, the Commission finds that there could be a positive impact on jobs. This rule making provides incentives to Iowa teachers teaching designated hard-to-staff subjects. Individuals will be encouraged to teach in Iowa schools.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 261.

The following amendment is proposed.

Adopt the following **new** 283—Chapter 28:

CHAPTER 28  
TEACH IOWA SCHOLAR PROGRAM

**283—28.1(261) Teach Iowa scholar program.** The teach Iowa scholar program is a state-funded and administered benefit for high-achieving Iowans teaching in eligible teaching fields in Iowa.

**283—28.2(261) Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

“*Commission*” means the Iowa college student aid commission.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of education.

“*Eligible school or agency*” means a public school district, area education agency, charter school, and nonpublic school recognized and approved by the department.

“*Eligible teaching field*” means hard-to-staff subjects as identified by the director of the department. In selecting hard-to-staff subjects, the department shall consider the varying regional needs in the state.

“*Preparation program*” means the programs of practitioner preparation leading to licensure of teachers, administrators, and other professional school personnel.

“*Teacher*” means an individual who holds a practitioner’s license or a statement of professional recognition issued under Iowa Code chapter 272 and who is employed in a nonadministrative position by a school district or area education agency pursuant to a contract issued by a board of directors under Iowa Code section 279.13. “Teacher” also includes a preschool teacher who is licensed by the board of educational examiners under Iowa Code chapter 272 and is employed by an eligible school or agency.

**283—28.3(261) Eligibility requirements.** An applicant must:

**28.3(1)** Have graduated in the top 25 percent academically of students completing teacher preparation programs, as certified by the postsecondary institution offering the teacher preparation program from which the applicant graduates.

**28.3(2)** Be a teacher providing instruction on a full-time basis in an eligible teaching field or in a combination of eligible teaching fields in an eligible school or agency.

**28.3(3)** File an application annually on or before the deadline established by the commission to be considered for funding.

**28.3(4)** Annually complete and return to the commission an affidavit of practice verifying annual employment in an eligible teaching field.

**283—28.4(261) Awarding of funds.**

**28.4(1)** *Selection criteria.* All applicants meeting the eligibility requirements will be considered for funding. In the event that all on-time applicants cannot be funded with the available appropriation, criteria for selection of recipients will be prioritized as follows:

- a. Award renewal status;
- b. Iowa resident status;
- c. Prioritized annual ranking of eligible teaching fields by the department, with highest ranking fields being served first, if information is available;
- d. Prioritized annual ranking of regional need within eligible teaching fields by the department, with the highest ranking regions being served first within each ranked eligible teaching field, if information is available;
- e. Date of application.

**28.4(2)** *Maximum award and extent of receipt.*

- a. The maximum annual award shall not exceed \$4,000.
- b. A recipient may receive up to \$20,000 over a five-year period, beginning with the first year of receipt.
- c. Designated applicants teaching hard-to-staff subjects shall not be impacted in subsequent years if the subject is no longer identified by the department as a hard-to-staff subject.

**28.4(3)** *Disbursement of award.* The maximum annual award will be paid to the teacher upon successful completion of each annual employment obligation. The commission will annually verify completion of the teacher's employment obligation with the eligible school or agency prior to payment.

**283—28.5(261) Award cancellation.**

**28.5(1)** The teacher must notify the commission within 30 days following termination or change of employment in an eligible teaching field or an eligible school or agency.

**28.5(2)** The teacher is responsible for notifying the commission immediately of a change in contact information including, but not limited to, name, telephone number and e-mail address.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 261.110.